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In re Application of
Blondelet-Rouault, et al

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REPLY TO THE OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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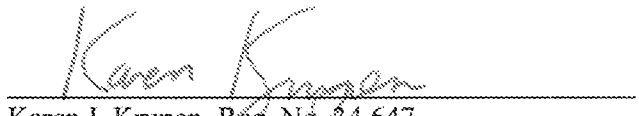
Sirs,

In response to the Office Communication mailed July 10, 20065, requiring a further election of the claims, Applicants elect orf6* (SEQ ID NO: 13).

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment necessitated by this response to Deposit Account No. 18-1982.

Respectfully submitted,



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